

Office Action dated January 3, 2006
Response to Office Action dated June 29, 2006

Application No. 10/022,220

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 3, 2006 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. In the Office Action, claims 2-11 and 13-22 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,757,372 ("Dunlap") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,070,068 ("Sudo").

Amendments

Independent claims 17 and 20 have been amended to more clearly claim the features of the invention. Support for these additions can be found throughout the specification, including page 3, lines 11-22 and page 6, lines 10-12. Additionally, dependent claim 15 has been amended to depend from independent claim 20. No new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-11 and 13-22 stand rejected as being unpatentable under Section 103(a) over Dunlap in view of Sudo. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in light of the current amendments to independent claims 17 and 20.

Applicant has amended independent claims 17 and 20 to state that "the control unit [displays] an option for handling the call and an option for displaying a sub-menu listing call handling options specific to the selected call." Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the neither Dunlap nor Sudo, alone or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests the claimed invention of independent claims 17 and 20, nor is there any motivation, suggestion, or teaching in Dunlap or Sudo for making the proposed Dunlap-Sudo combination.

Specifically, Dunlap is directed to call line management in a non-mobile telephone system. Systems such as described in Dunlap are typically used for pass-through call routing on multiple lines, e.g., in an office environment, and do not specifically relate to "multiple call handling simultaneously during in-call operation, wherein the mobile device is receiving or initiating the pending calls." Applicant submits that the material cited by the Office Action does

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not disclose handling multiple calls on the same phone line. As stated above, Dunlap is directed to an office environment where calls are being received or made on different phone lines. Additionally, Dunlap does not disclose the display of an option for handling a call as claimed in independent claims 17 and 20. Furthermore, Sudo does not cure the deficiencies of Dunlap. Sudo relates to the handling of incoming calls based on the pre-defined standards of the GSM system. Sudo does not disclose "the control unit [displays] an option for handling the call and an option for displaying a sub-menu listing call handling options specific to the selected call" of independent claims 17 and 20.

Additionally, Applicant submits that there is no motivation to combine Dunlap and Sudo and that the Office Action has not presented a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Dunlap discloses call-handling in a phone in an office environment, whereas Sudo discloses call-handling of a mobile phone. Due to the restrictions of memory and screen space, there would be no motivation to combine technology from office phones with that of mobile phones. Therefore, Applicant submits that neither Sudo nor Dunlap provides any motivation to combine one reference with the other and one skilled in the art at the time of the invention would have appreciated the differences in memory and screen space between mobile and office phones. Therefore, there is no motivation to combine Dunlap and Sudo and independent claims 17 and 20 should be allowed.

Based on the arguments above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17 and 20 are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, because claims 2-11, 13-16, 18-19, and 21-22 each ultimately depend from allowable claims 17 and 20, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-11, 13-16, 18-19, and 21-22 are also in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Dependent Claims 5-6, 8-11, and 13-15

With respect to dependent claims 5-6, 8-11, and 13-15, Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action did not address each claimed feature of Applicant's invention. The Office Action states that "[r]egarding claims 5-6,11, the claims have the limitations as that of claim 17 and therefore are rejected for the same reason set forth in the rejection of claim 17" and makes a similar statement regarding claims 8-10 and 13-15. However, claim 5 includes the additional

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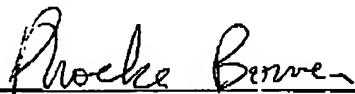
features of claim 4 and also adds the feature that "the control unit is configured to display the status of the selected call in the sub-menu" and claim 6 includes the additional feature of "the control unit is configured to display the status of each pending call in the menu." Claims 8-11 and 13-15 also each add additional features to the claims upon which they depend and the Office Action cites nothing regarding these additional features. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 5-6, 8-11 and 13-15 are in condition for allowance. If claims 5-6, 8-11 and 13-15 remain rejected, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office specifically state where these features are found in the cited references so that Applicant has a chance to respond to any rejections asserted.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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